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20 July 1953

Mr. William H. Waters, Jr.  
President  
Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Waters:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to convey to you his thanks for your letter of 10 July 1953 in which you solicit the official support of this Agency in promoting the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Program among Federal Service employees.

While the aims and purposes of the Program are commendable indeed, I am sure you will understand that the special mission of this Agency places it in a unique position, from a security standpoint, with respect to the Flemming Awards. To publicize the work and accomplishments of young men in this Agency would not be compatible with the principle of anonymity which we believe to be so essential in our work. We find it impracticable therefore to promote this Program as you request throughout the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

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MATTHEW BAIRD  
Director of Training

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